



DRAFT – Subject to approval at 7-28-10 Meeting
7-7-10 Meeting Notes
Information Sharing & Coordination Work Group
(Smart Planning Task Force Established under SF2389)

11 AM
Rebuild Iowa Office, Conference Room 2
Wallace Building
502 E. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319

Attendees (* indicates telephonic participation)

Don Temeyer, HR Green, Chair
Susan Judkins Josten, Rebuild Iowa Office
Aaron Todd, Rebuild Iowa Office
Eric Abrams, IDOT
Kevin Blanshan, INRCOG
Mickey Carlson, TownCraft/Iowa Finance Authority
Bruce Greiner, Office of Energy Independence
LaVon Griffieon, 1000 Friends of Iowa
Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency
Jace Mikels, Senate Democratic Caucus Staff
Brian Schoon, INRCOG
Michelle Shaffer, Department on Aging
Ken Sharp, Department of Public Health *
Ruth Randleman, Mayor of Carlisle and Task Force Co-Chair *

1. Organizational Details – Next Meetings
 - A. The group will meet from 10:30 AM – Noon on July 28, 2010, at the Rebuild Iowa Office
 - B. The next meeting of the full task force is August 11th. Work group members not on the task force are welcome to attend as an observer.
 - C. Another meeting of the work group is tentatively set for August 25, 2010 from 10:30 AM – Noon at the Rebuild Iowa Office.
 - D. Additional members will be sought. Send any suggestions to the chair.
2. Review work group tasks
 - A. Develop a set of recommendations that is consistent with the Iowa Smart Planning Principles and does all of the following:
 1. Coordinates, facilitates and centralizes the exchange of information related to state and local planning, zoning, and development between state agencies and the General Assembly.
 2. Coordinates discussions concerning a proposed geographic information system between the producers and the users of such systems.
 3. Allows the efficient production and dissemination of population and other demographic statistical forecasts.'

4. Creates a centralized storage location for all comprehensive plans.
 5. Facilitates the cooperation of state and local governments with comprehensive planning, educational, and research programs.
 6. Provides and administers technical and financial assistance for comprehensive planning.
 7. Provides information to local governments related to state, federal, and other resources for comprehensive planning.
3. Brainstorming on where relevant planning information currently resides
 - A. Eric Abrams from the DOT briefly reviewed GIS information that was covered in the committee meeting preceding the work group meeting.
 - B. LaVon Griffieon says that the NRCS also has GIS data available.
 - C. Census data – the State Library data is excellent and we may want to recommend continuing to support its collection and maintenance
 - D. Mickey Carlson recommended that we review the [Boston Indicators Project](#), a twenty-year project to develop sources of data to show how well the city is doing on ten parameters; Towncraft thinks it's a good idea for Iowa to have a sustainability index
 - E. The City Development Board at IDED deals with annexation issues but has no teeth to enforce planning requirements.
 - F. COGs have a significant amount of information.
 - G. The former Office of Planning & Programming is now basically housed at IDED, so the focus is more on job creation and may have lost a planning focus.
4. Who is the customer of coordinated planning?
 - A. We should look at integrated planning across the state.
 - B. Bruce Greiner says there are security issues so there needs to be a throttle on what is free and what isn't.
5. Incentives
 - A. It is the role of this work group to recommend how to coordinate and implement, not WHAT the planning incentives should be.
 - B. We need help in crossing lines: federate, state, local
 - C. Money is needed to hold the attention of COGs and others.
 - D. Too often, planning is used as a means to an end (i.e. funding eligibility), not because it is needed
6. Hazard Mitigation
 - A. Susan Judkins Josten reminded the group that the legislature passed the Smart Planning legislation because they saw it as a flood risk mitigation proposal, and therefore legislators will be very interested in seeing recommendations that focus on this aspect.
 - B. Aaron Todd reports that Wisconsin houses their planning office, known as the Intergovernmental Relations office, in their Department of Administrative Services
 - C. LaVon Griffieon reminded the group that we need to be able to "sell" recommendations; maybe by saying they will reduce flooding and save money.